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Assistant Director for Operations

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Chief, FBID

Progress Report for December 1949

1. [ ] was appointed Chief of the Okinawa Bureau on 28 December 1949, replacing [ ] who reported to Tokyo and assumed charge of that bureau on 7 December 1949.

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2. The Chief Engineer returned from an inspection of FBIS field installations in England, Germany, Austria and Cyprus. A considerable improvement in operation of equipment, particularly multicouplers, was achieved and the flow of Cyprus traffic through the London Cables and Wireless office was expedited.

3. After discussion with the International Broadcasting Division, Department of State, concerning the proposed installation of a 1000 kilowatt transmitter by IBD on Okinawa, FBID advised IBD of its reluctance to agree to this installation unless complete assurance could be given that interference to FBIS Okinawa monitoring operations would be minimized. FBID recommended a program to be followed which would determine the actual extent of interference to FBIS operations before proceeding further with the proposed project.

4. In accordance with an agreement made at the last FBID-NBC conference to base all operations on Greenwich Meridian Time, arrangements were completed for changing the time reference system used by FBID from EST to GMT effective midnight, 31 December 1949. This involves the time conversion of all operational schedules, time quotations in all wire traffic, FBID regular publications and the 650 page basic manual, "Program Schedules of Foreign Broadcasting Stations."

5. The acute shortage of teletypists was somewhat relieved by entrance on duty of two new appointees. It is anticipated that an additional four new appointees will enter on duty within the next few days which will fill the authorized Departmental T/O [ ] operators including supervisors.

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6. A daily average of 11,000 words was filed to the NBC during December.

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